THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Sir, out of 253 applications received between March, 2002 to March, 2004 in Gurusahaiganj, District Kannauj, 185 telephone connections have been allotted and 68 applications are pending.

(b) The total capacity of Gurusahaiganj exchange is 1400 lines.

(c) The delay in provision of pending telephone connections is due to area being technically non-feasible and inadequate exchange capacity.

(d) Yes, Sir. A complaint was received against an employee.

(e) The complaint was investigated by vigilance and a warning issued to the employee. There is now significant improvement in the system.

Iraqi Mission in Mumbai

1668. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have allowed Iraq to reopen its mission in Mumbai;

(b) if so, does it mean that India has recognized US backed interim Iraqi regime as sovereign one;

(c) whether Government are going to increase its mission's strength in Iraq; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reopening of the Consulate General of Iraq in Mumbai does not denote a change in India's position *vis-a-vis* the Interim Government of Iraq.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.